

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A copyrighted work managing method for managing copyrighted work data transmitted on a communication network is disclosed, that comprises the steps of (a) detecting copyrighted work data from communication data transmitted from a client on the communication network, (b) determining whether or not the user has performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected at the detecting step (a) against a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data, and (c) prohibiting the communication data from being transmitted corresponding to the determined result at the determining step (b).